

OCTOBER 20, 2004

CLOSED SESSION

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in Room 400, City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, at 5:15 p.m., in Closed Session.

PRESENT: Commissioners Chan, Keane, Marshall, Veronese
ABSENT: Commissioners Renne, Orr-Smith, Sparks

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CLOSED SESSION

None

VOTE ON WHETHER TO HOLD A CLOSED SESSION TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PER ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.10 (d)

Motion by Commissioner Marshall to hold Closed Session. Second by Commissioner Keane. Approved 4-0.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE 54956.9 AND SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SECTION 67.10(d)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - Existing Litigation

a. Pamela Nash v. CCSF, U.S. District Court Case No. C03-01221-CW

PRESENT: Commissioners Chan, Keane, Marshall, Renne, Veronese
ABSENT: Commissioners Orr-Smith, Sparks

OCTOBER 24, 2004

REGULAR MEETING

The Police Commission of the City and County of San Francisco met in Room 400, City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, at 5:30 p.m., in a Regular Meeting.

PRESENT: Commissioners Renne, Chan, Keane, Marshall, Veronese
ABSENT: Commissioners Orr-Smith, Sparks

VOTE ON WHETHER TO DISCLOSE ANY OR ALL DISCUSSION HELD IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Veronese for non disclosure. Second by Commissioner Keane. Approved 5-0.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Commissioner Keane to approve the Consent Calendar. Second by Commissioner Marshall. Approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CHIEF'S REPORT

- a. Review of Recent Activities
- b. Report on series of robberies targeting Asian immigrants

Chief Fong covered several weeks of great work done by the members of the San Francisco Police Department and acknowledged the many great examples of the excellent work done, in particularly, by the following:

- _ Investigations
- _ Field Operations Bureau

- _ Crime Prevention Company
- _ Richmond District
- _ Southern Station

Chief declared there would be a special presentation by Commander David Shinn, Field Operations Bureau, and Lieutenant Loftus from the Robbery Section. Their presentation would be about the incidents of robberies and the work the Department has been doing to abate, update, outreach, and prevent people from being victimized.

Commander Shinn's presentation was to update the Commission on the series of robberies victimizing Asian Immigrants. Lieutenant John Loftus, Commanding Officer, gave the following statistics:

Early April, 30 robberies in the Portola District targeted thirty (30) females, and ten (10) males: Race were 26 Asians; 3 Hispanics; 1 African American. Suspects included adult males and juveniles. Several arrests were made and robberies have fallen drastically.

Commissioner Chan commented on the fine work in abating the situation, but asked if there had been a gap in uniform presence in this geographic area, or was it a cyclical phenomenon having to do with suspects in organized fashion, or was it simply a high incident of random activity. Lt. Loftus stated that whenever there is a series, it is not entirely random. In this particular case, there was a large number of juveniles involved pulling robberies. Because they are young - one of the juveniles arrested was 12 years old - they don't have the ability to drive to another part of the city. That keeps them to this geographic area to commit their crimes.

Lt. Loftus stated that maintaining a close liaison with stations and FOB, Robbery Detail; having additional patrol units in the area, and the collaboration with Community-based organizations and the non-profit organization named SAFE (Safety Awareness For Everyone) contributed to successful arrests.

He also stated that safety seminars were presented in Cantonese, Mandarin, and English. Better communication achieved a relationship among the Chinese speaking community and Cantonese and Mandarin speaking officers.

Commissioner Chan asked what was the response time between Inspection Bureau discerning the pattern and when efforts were put in place and is there a crime mapping software to discern patterns more quickly before getting 26-30 crimes committed.

Lt. Loftus stated that there is a two-week delay in a crime mapping system from time incident occurs until the crime pops up on the screens. This is a problem. Three incidents are a series. Undercover presence working in conjunction with crime mapping system. Private video cameras were also helpful.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding shooting at 19th and Junipero Serra Avenue.

Unidentified discussed concerns regarding no response from the police.

OCC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Allen reported on 8 months or older case reports. The format won't give away too much information or violate any statues or codes, but provide insight/sustainability to address them immediately. Fifty-seven (57) cases are now opened; down from 95-100 at beginning of the year. Many are closed. Some cases are fairly old. Extensions/exceptions do note closing /closed. Sustainable cases take priority.

Commissioner Keane thank Director Allen for his report. Commissioner Keane asked if more details can be provided to the Commission. Director Allen stated he will consult with the City Attorney about that matter.

Director Allen introduced Susan Leff, the new OCC Staff Attorney, and welcomed back Samara Marion.

Commissioner Renne asked how many cases where the OCC had sustained charges but they weren't sent to the Department in a timely manner. Director Allen stated he doesn't have the figure but will have it next week. He also stated that that information is available on the Police Department's website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER KEANE'S PROPOSAL TO REQUIRE ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY THE OCC ON THE STATUS OF OCC INVESTIGATIONS AND THE CASELOADS OF OCC INVESTORS AND BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE ON THE STATUS OF MCD INVESTAGATIONS, STATUS OF SUSTAINED MCD CASES, AND THE NATURE OF SUSTAINED OCC CASES

Commissioner Keane thanked City Attorney, Marion Morley, whose great services putting together the package and her analysis and helpful aspect relating to the main issues. The exhibits of the methods done in Los Angeles, relating to a particular case when finished: Exhibit A2.

Comparison with Los Angeles: Get level of detail of what investigation was. Level of detail that tells you what was all about and what was done which the public of S.F. does not get and we don't get as a Commission. Instead we get numbers and a few words.

Commissioner Chan stated that, in reading the materials, he is under impression that the Chief had some concerns with the structure of one of the reports required of the Department, specifically, having to do with the level of information provided regarding cases and stated he would be interested in hearing from the Chief on that matter.

Chief Fong talked about the Chapter 96 Reporting - limited information. Chief Fong stated that there can be more disclosure in summary of finding. Reviewed LA's model concern some of accounts based on articles in media could actually identify the officer who was involved with the misconduct. Met with City Attorney, OCC to look at what's a middle ground where we give more what is currently there but not quite to the level of that of what the LA Sheriff's department has but it gives more information.

Director Allen stated he does have a copy of the draft.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jakati Imani, Bay Area Police Watch, discuss concerns regarding the patterns and practices developing within the SFPD that nobody is keeping an eye on outside of the department.

Lois Boyd, Justice for Cammerin Boyd Campaign, discuss concerns regarding policy changes not being retroactive.

John Crew, ACLU, stated that he is encouraged that this item is being put for action soon. He commented on the L.A. Sheriff's Department's report and discussed the disclosure of names of officers involved.

Elvira Poller discussed concerns regarding non disclosure of police reports.

Commissioner Renne suggested that the Department meet with the POA prior to items being placed on the calendar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE POLICE COMMISSION MEETINGS OF AUGUST 11, 18, 25, 2004

Public Comment
None

Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Keane as to corrected by Commissioner Chan. Second by Commissioner Marshall. Approved 6-0.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Comment
None

Commissioner Renne announced that next week will be a community meeting in the Richmond District. Richmond Recreation Center, 251 18th Avenue, at 6:00 p.m.

LISTING OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATIONS OF FUTURE COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Chan asked the Department to report to the Commission in regards to grants and what is the nature and duties of the Grant Unit.

Thereafter the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Sergeant Joseph Reilly
Secretary
San Francisco Police Commission